

This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation (<u>Preliminary Evaluation</u>, <u>Engineering Analysis</u>, <u>Recall Query</u>, and <u>Defect/Recall Petition</u>) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <a href="http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm">http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm</a>

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## **DECEMBER 2007**

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS				
MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed	
1997-2003 FORD F- SD, EXCURSION, AND ECONOLINE W/7.3L DIESEL	ENGINE STALLING	22-JUN-2006	07-DEC- 2007	
1999-2004 CHEVROLET TRACKER IN SALT BELT	FRONT SUSPENSION CROSSMEMBER CORROSION	30-OCT-2006	03-DEC- 2007	
2004-2005 TOYOTA SIENNA WITH POWER REAR DOOR	UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF POWER LIFTGATE	01-DEC-2006		
2006-2007 DODGE DURANGO	SIDE CURTAIN AIR BAG FAILURE	14-FEB-2007		
2005-2007 NISSAN 350Z	WHEEL FAILURE	03-APR-2007		
2006-2007 JEEP COMMANDER	ENGINE STALL	27-APR-2007		
1999- 2002 BUICK, OLDSMOBILE, AND PONTIAC W/ SUPERCHARGED V6	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	12-JUN-2007		
2002-2003 TRAILBLAZER, EXT, GMC ENVOY, XL, XUV	FUEL PUMP MODULE LEAKS GASOLINE	10-JUL-2007		
MY 2002 - 2003 MINI COOPER	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	14-AUG-2007		
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EA07- 012	MY 2003- 2005 LAND ROVER, RANGE ROVER	FRONT DIFFERENTIAL/DRIVESHAFT FAILURE	14-AUG-2007
EA07- 013	MY 2002 C/K 2500 SUBURBAN/YUKON/SILVERADO/SIERRA/ AVALANCHE	TRAILER HITCH RECEIVER FAILURE	14-SEP-2007
EA07- 014	2000-2003 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	PASSENGER/ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	28-SEP-2007
EA07- 015	2003 CHEVROLET CAVALIER	ENGINE STALLLING - FUEL PUMP FAILURE	01-NOV-2007
EA07- 016	2000- 2005 WORKHORSE CHASSIS BUILT WITH BOSH BRAKE CALIPERS	OVERHEATED BRAKE CALIPERS	16-NOV-2007
EA07- 017	2004-2006 CADILLAC CTS-V	REAR DRIVETRAIN COMPONENT FAILURE	07-DEC-2007
EA07- 018	2003 LAND ROVER FREELANDER	FUEL PUMP FAILURE - STALL	07-DEC-2007
EA07- 019	2005-2007 GENERAL MOTORS MINIVANS	POWER SLIDING DOOR OPENING	11-DEC-2007

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS				
Action#	ММҮ	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE07-036	2003 LAND ROVER FREELANDER	FUEL PUMP FAILURE	17-JUL-2007	10-DEC-2007
PE07-037	2004-07 CADILLAC CTS, CTS-V, STS	FAILURE OF THE REAR DIFFERENTIAL	17-JUL-2007	27-DEC-2007
PE07-041	2005-2006 JEEP LIBERTY DIESEL	DIESEL FUEL LEAK	08-AUG-2007	07-DEC-2007
PE07-043	2004-07 WHEELED COACH AMBULANCES ON FORD CHASSIS	400 AMP PRIMARY FUSE CORROSION	14-AUG-2007	17-DEC-2007
PE07-044	2005-2006 GENERAL MOTORS MINIVANS	POWER SLIDING DOOR OPENING	16-AUG-2007	11-DEC-2007
PE07-048	SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS	WHEEL FAILURE	21-SEP-2007	
PE07-049	2003-2004 PONTIAC VIBE	SIDE FRONT WINDOW SHATTERS	27-SEP-2007	
PE07-050	BLUE BIRD ALL AMERICAN RE 2006-2007 WITH AIR BRAKES	AIR BRAKE LINE DETACHES	11-OCT-2007	
PE07-051	2004-2005 CHEVROLET AVEO	STUCK THROTTLE VALVE	19-OCT-2007	
PE07-052	2007 CHRYSLER PACIFICA	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	19-OCT-2007	
PE07-053	1998-2003 NEW FLYER 40/60 FOOT ARTICULATED BUSES	INTERIOR FIRES	29-OCT-2007	
PE07-054	2003-2008 C2 THOMAS BUILT BUSES	EMERGENCY DOOR HANDLE FAILURE	09-NOV-2007	
PE07-055	1998 - 1999 MODEL YEAR FLEETWOOD BOUNDER	GASOLINE FUEL LINE LEAK	14-NOV-2007	

PE07-056	2006 HYOSUNG GV650 MOTORCYCLES	FUEL LEAK	14-NOV-2007
PE07-057	2005-2007 F-250 & F-350 SUPER DUTY 4X4 VEHICLES	VIOLENT FRONT END OSCILLATION	15-NOV-2007
PE07-058	2005 FORD FIVE HUNDRED AND FREESTYLE	INSTRUMENT CLUSTER FAILURE	16-NOV-2007
PE07-059	2001-3 APRILIA SCARABEO MOTORSCOOTERS	MOTORCYCLE STALLING	27-NOV-2007
PE07-060	2004 ACURA TL	WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR FAILURE	29-NOV-2007
PE07-061	2005 MODEL YEAR NEWMAR MOTOR HOMES	LIFT ASSISTED CARGO DOORS	30-NOV-2007
PE07-062	2002 AND 2003 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4	UPPER BALL JOINT SEPARATION	17-DEC-2007

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT RECALL QUERY				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ07-001	2005-06 MY INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP CE SCHOOL BUSES	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	24-JUL-07	04-DEC-07
RQ07-003	2000-2007 MY ACTERRA & 2002-2007 MY M2 BUSINESS CLASS	FRONT WHEEL SEPARATIONS	05-DEC-07	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PETITIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP06-005	2003-2005 FORD TAURUS AND MERCURY SABLE	ENGINE STALLING FFV	04-DEC-2006	28-DEC-2007
DP07-001	1989-1992 FORD PROBE	SEATBACK RECLINE MECHANISM FAILURE	30-JUL-2007	05-DEC-2007

# **Preliminary Evaluation (PE)**

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

# **Engineering Analysis (EA)**

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

## Recall Query (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

# **Defect or Recall Petition (DP or RP)**

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

If you have a safety concern or want to learn more...

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• www.safercar.gov

#### CALL:

1-888-327-4236

#### FAX:

• 202-493-2833 (Download complaint form, fill out and fax).

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